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**REQUEST
 FOR
 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/653,406
Filing Date	September 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Jennifer L. West
Group Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	Blessing Fubara
Attorney Docket Number	47400-252658 (47400-0100)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 13, 2004.
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 iii. ☐ Other
 b. ☐ Enclosed
 i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$385.00 and \$210.00 for the following fees:
 i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
 b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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